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SUBJ: POSSIBILITY OF TERRORIST INCIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH IMPERIAL
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1. JAPANESE VERNACULAR PRESS MORNING SEPTEMBER 5 REPORTS
ARREST OF TWO MEMBERS OF CHUKAKU RADICAL FACTION LATE ON
SEPTEMBER 4 ON SUSPICION THAT THEY INTENDED TO PLANT A BOMB
IN VICINITY OF CROWN PRINCE'S PALACE (TOKYO). THE MEN,
DISCOVERED DRIVING A CAR UP TO SOUTH GATE OF PALACE, FLED
AND AFTER CHASE BY POLICY PATROL CAR, WERE FOUND TO HAVE
PARTS FOR COFFEE-CAN-SIZED TIME BOMB IN THEIR CAR. MAINICHI
SAYS POLICE ARE CERTAIN THE RADICALS PLANNED BLAST CROWN
PRINCE'S PALACE "IN OPPOSITION TO THE EMPEROR'S VISIT TO THE
US."

2. THIS ARREST CLOSELY FOLLOWED DEVASTATING EXPLOSION IN
RESIDENTIAL AREA OF YOKOSUKA CITY (SITE OF LARGE US NAVAL
BASE) AT ABOUT 2:30 A.M. SEPTEMBER 4. EXPLOSION WAS
SUBSEQUENTLY ATTRIBUTED BY POLICE TO BUNGLED ATTEMPT BY
AT LEAST TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE, MEMBERS OF SAME CHUKAKU
FACTION TO ASSEMBLE BOMB IN APARTMENT. TOTAL OF FIVE PEOPLE
WERE KILLED, EIGHT INJURED, AND ABOUT TWENTY NEIGHBORING
HOUSE DAMAGED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. ENERGIES OF CHUKAKU RADICALS IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN
MAINLY DEVOTED TO IDEOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON RIVAL
ULTRA-LEFT FACTION, THE KAKUARU. REPORTED INCIDENTS MAY
MEAN THAT CHUKAKU FOCUS HAS SHIFTED TO EMULATION OF SELF-
STYLED "EAST ASIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT" SOME MEMBERS OF WHICH
WERE CAUGHT BY POLICE IN MAY FOLLOWING NINE-MONTH WAVE OF TERROR
BOMBINGS. CHUKAKU'S LINKS TO INTERNATIONALLY-FOCUSED "JAPAN RED
ARMY" ARE UNCLEAR, BUT WE FIND APPARENT TARGETING OF CROWN
PRINCE'S RESIDENCE DISTURBING IN VIEW OF IMPERIAL VISIT.

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